

PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

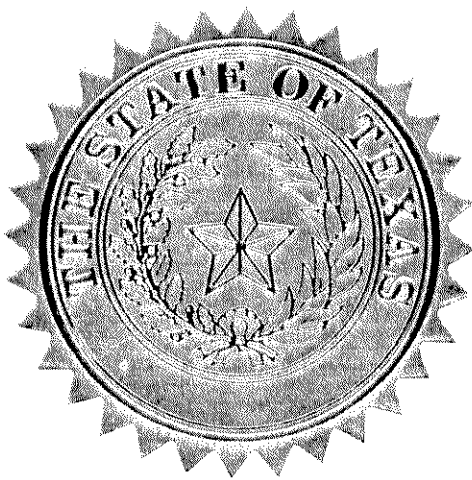
Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto House Bill No. 1023 as passed by the Eightieth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

House Bill No. 1023 would add the Texas Commission on the Arts' (TCA) mini-grant process to the agency's enabling legislation to reflect the current rules and practices of the commission.

Current state law reflects only the commission's annual grant process. In the mini-grant process, the commission delegates the authority to approve grant awards of \$500 or less to the executive director. The awards are reviewed quarterly by the full commission.

Awarding grants is one of three primary functions of the TCA and should, therefore, be a process that the commissioners actively engage in. Current statute requires the commission to "develop and implement policies that clearly separate the policy-making responsibilities of the commission and the management responsibilities of the executive director." The mini-grant process circumvents the commissioners' role in grant approval by allowing the executive director to approve grant awards. Commissioners need to do their job.

Since the Legislature by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the Secretary of State and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 15th day of June, 2007.

RICK PERRY

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Governor of Texas

ATTESTED BY:

Roger Williams
ROGER WILLIAMS
Secretary of State

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SECRETARY OF STATE
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